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1 A Revocation of Blockade by the President of the Republic of Texas

Whereas it hath been heretofore solemnly proclaimed and published under the authority and by the act of the Government ad interim of the Republic of Texas, that the Port of Matamoras in the State of Tamaulipas and Republic of Mexico, comprising the mouth of the Rio Grande and the Brazos Santiago and also all the inlets, estuaries and passes east of it, were to be and continue in a state of actual blockade from and after the twenty first day of July last past, And Whereas the Constitutional Government of this Republic, believe it no longer useful or necessary to obstruct the same and being willing at present to allow free passage therein and thereout, to all other nations at peace with this Republic and to encourage their foreign and domestic trade, Now Therefore I Sam Houston President of the said Republic of Texas by virtue of the power vested in me and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do by these presents proclaim and declare the said Ports, Inlets Estuaries and passes and each any every of them, accessible free and open to the lawful commerce of all friendly and neutral powers in articles not contraband of war And that the said Proclamation of Blockade, made as aforesaid, is withdrawn revoked and no longer of any force or effect, Provided always nevertheless, that so long as this Republic shall continue at war with the said Republic of Mexico, the same liability to capture shall exist on the high seas, which was lawful prior to the promulgation of said Proclamation of Blockade, by the armed vessels of this Republic So that nothing herein contained shall be construed to admit the transportation by sea, of Mexican produce, goods wares ~~wares~~ and merchandize or other property, of what name or kind soever, nor the importation of articles contraband of war; either in Mexican vessels or on neutral bottoms. But that such and every such liability to capture on the high seas shall be in force and remain as fully as if the said Proclamation of Blockade had never been promulgated and the said Goods and other property so prohibited as aforesaid shall be liable to capture and confiscation any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding

L. S.

Done at Columbia this first day of November A.D. 1836 and of the Independence of said Republic the first
Sam. Houston

A Proclamation by the President of the Republic of Texas for the Election of a Representative in Congress for the County of Nacogdoches

Whereas I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas in accordance with a resolution of the house of Representatives informing me that the Hon. H. H. Edwards had tendered and they accepted the resignation of his seat as Representative for the County of Nacogdoches and that the same is now vacant, do order and proclaim that on the First day of December next there shall be an Election held at all the precincts in the said County of Nacogdoches for a Representative of said County in the present Congress And the first or second Judge of said County is commanded to hold the election for Representative on the day above named, The person holding the Election shall appoint the Judges of Election and the Clerk for each precinct and shall qualify the same and if by reason of the shortness of time the said holder of election cannot select and qualify the Judges for any of the precincts in said County, the People in any such case shall elect the same by viva voce, The returns of the Elections are to be made by the Judges of the different precincts to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

L.S.

Done at Columbia this seventh day of November A.D. 1836 And of the Independance of said Republic the first
(Signed)
Sam Houston

Proclamation
Election
Senator
Brazoria

Proclamation for Election of a Senator in Brazoria

Be it Known that I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, in accordance with a resolution of the Senate informing me that the Hon. William H. Wharton has resigned his seat as Senator for the District of Brazoria and that the same is now vacant, do order and proclaim that on the twenty third day of November Instant, there shall be an Election held at all the Precincts in the said District of Brazoria for a Senator in Congress, And it is further Ordered that the Hon. Benjamin C. Franklin be and he is hereby commanded to hold said Election for Senator on the day above named, The said holder of election shall appoint the Judges and Clerk for each precinct & shall qualify the same, but if by reason of the shortness of time the said holder can not select and qualify the Judges and Clerk for any of the precincts in said District, then and in that case the people shall elect the same by viva voce. The returns of the elections are to be made by the Judges of the different precincts, to the President of the Senate

L.S.

Done at Columbia this seventeenth day of November A D 1836 and of the Independen
of said Republic the first.
Signed
Sam Houston

Sam Houston
President of Texas
To all who shall see these Presents Greeting

Proclamation
Novr 1836
for the apprehension of
Wicks

The bearer hereof W P Harris a citizen of this Republic, proceeds to the United States of America for the purpose of recovering a horse the property of said Harris that was stolen from this place by one Wicks on the 13th inst. and also to secure the person of said Wicks and bring him back to be tried for the offence he has committed.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, respectfully request all persons and especially the civil authorities of the place where said Harris may go, or where said Wicks may be, to afford to the said Harris all necessary aid in recovering the said stolen horse and securing the said Wicks for the purposes above mentioned

~~By the President~~
Signed } S. F. Austin
Secty of State

Given under my hand at the Town of Columbia the 30th day of November A D. 1836, first year of the Independence of the Republic of Texas
Signed By the President
Sam Houston

[illegible]

Executive Department
Columbia Texas December the 12th 1836

Pardon of
John P Wallace
Decr 1836

Whereas John P Wallace was on the 1st day of December A. D. tried and ~~condemned~~ convicted in the County of Liberty in the Republic of Texas of the crime of Arson and sentenced to be hanged on the 21st day of this Instant. And Whereas, it has been made appear to me Sam Houston President of the Republic that the said John P. Wallace is a fit object for Executive clemency; Therefore I Sam Houston President &c do by virtue of the power vested in me by the law of the land freely and fully pardon him the said Wallace of said crime of which he stands condemned and do hereby command all Ministerial Officers and others concerned to obey this Warrant and discharge him the said Wallace on the day on which he is to be executed.

L. S.

Signed
Sam Houston

S. F. Austin Secty of State

Proclamation

Proclamation
revoking the
powers to agents
of Govt. ad.
Interim 15
Decr 1836

Whereas, it has been represented to me that various persons in the United States who represent themselves as the Agents of this Republic, have received large sums of money from the good people of the said States without accounting for the same to this Government either by paying it over to the proper department, or shewing in what manner they have expended it. And whereas, it is the determination as well as the duty of this Government to prevent impositions of a like character from being practised upon its friends in the United States who have contributed so liberally to relieve our wants. And, whereas other dishonest persons encouraged by the success of those who have already traversed the Country without authority, imposing upon a generous public may attempt and practice the same imposition, unless this Government shall do some act to prevent it. Therefore I Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas do issue this my proclamation, hereby revoking and annulling all power and authority of all and every person or persons whomsoever in the United States, or elsewhere, claiming to be agents, under the late Government "Ad interim" unless the same has been recognised in writing by the present existing Government. And I do further proclaim and declare that person or persons in the United States, is authorised by this Republic to ask for and receive in the name of this Government any money, goods or orther valuable articles, except such persons as have been authorized in writing by the present constitutional Government. And it is hereby respectfully and most earnestly requested of all such persons in the United States, as have made any gift or payment of any money, goods or other valuable articles, to any person or persons, claiming to be Agent or Agents of this Government to send an account of the same, by letter to Col William Christy of the City of New Orleans; and also state whom and to whom it was paid or given; in order that such persons who have defrauded them and this Government may be exposed to public reprobation.—

Given under my hand and Probate
Seal (there being no Seal of Office)
At Columbia this 15th day of
December A. D. 1836; and of the
Independence of this Republic, the
first—

L. S.

Sam Houston

S. F. Austin Secy of State.

Proclamation

Proclamation recalling letters of Marque 13 Dec 1836

In the name and by the Authority of the Republic of Texas

Whereas the late Government "Ad interim" of the Republic aforesaid, have at various times and to divers individuals issued and granted Commissions for letters of marque and reprisal" and whereas Similar Commissions have also been issued by the present Government as a means of temporary defence, which from the increase of our national marine has now become inexpedient, and believing that it is not only the duty but the policy of all civilized Governments to discountenance every species of warfare which is manifestly calculated for mere private plunder, and not for the attainment of a national glory or an honorable peace and believing that the system of Privateering is [illegible] that description — and having in view the example of the United States of the North and Great Britain, the most enlightened and civilized nations of the Earth,

Therefore I Sam Houston

President of the Republic aforesaid, by the authority in me vested do hereby ordain and declare all such letters of Marque and Reprisal or [illegible] Commissions and other authorities touching the same are hereby suspended and all persons holding or having received such letters of marque and Reprisal or any Commission or other authority touching the same are hereby Commanded and Required to return to the same and report themselves within forty days from this date, to the Secretary of the Navy of this Republic.

Done at Columbia this sixteenth day
of December One thousand Eight hundred
And thirty six and in the Year of the
Republic the first

L. S.

Sam Houston

S. Rhodes Fisher
Secy of the Navy

Proclamation

Proclamation relative to the Slave trade 19 Dec 1836

Whereas the 9th section of the Constitution of this Republic declares, that the importation or admission of Africans or Negroes into this Republic, except from the United States of America, is forever prohibited and declared to be piracy; which article was published and promulgated by the Proclamation of David G Burnet President "ad interim" issued at Harrisburg on the third day of April 1836 and has also been promulgated by the publication of the Constitution.

And whereas it has come to the knowledge of this Government, that extensive projects have been, or are about to be formed and executed to introduce Africans or Negroes into this Republic from Cuba and elsewhere, out of the United States of America, by an attempt to evade the aforesaid prohibition, by landing them on the sea beach, or on the east bank of the River Sabine, within the United States, and then reshipping them to this Country. Which attempted evasion is an aggravation of the crime, for it is a violation of a neighbouring and friendly nation, and may also mislead innocent persons or involve them in loss and difficulty.

Now therefore I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do Command all Judicial, military and naval officers, and all other functionaries of this Republic and especially the Attorney General and District Attornies, to be active and vigilant in detecting any such attempt to evade) the Constitution of this Republic as that above mentioned, or any other attempt to introduce Africans or Negroes into this Republic in violation of said 9th Article of the Constitution; and to arrest all persons concerned in such attempts and deliver them over to the proper Judicial tribunal for trial; and to stop seize and take possession of any vessel, craft or vehicle of transportation in which any African or Negro is attempted to be imported or introduced in contravention of said 9th Article may be found within the jurisdiction of the Republic; and also all such negroes, and safely keep them, until they can be delivered over to the Custody of the proper judicial Officer or tribunal

And I do further more request all good citizens who may discover any such attempt to introduce African Negroes, or may hear of the same, to give information thereof to the Attorney General, and to the nearest Judge, Sheriff District Attorney or other Officer of this Republic

Given under my hand and private Seal
there being no Seal of Office yet provided
at Columbia this 19th day of December AD
1836 and of the Independence of Texas the
First

L. S.

Sam Houston

S. F. Austin Secy of State.

Proclamation
for the Pardon
of William M
Smith Jan
30: 1837

Executive Department Columbia Texas January 30: 1837

Whereas it has been made to appear to me Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas that William M Smith was in the month of October last past charged and convicted of murdering Moses L A Carol in the County of Liberty in the Republic aforesaid, and sentenced to be hanged, and whereas it has been made to appear to me Sam Houston President as aforesaid, that the said William M. Smith is a fit object for executive clemency

Therefore I. Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas do, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Law of the Land fully and freely pardon him the said William M Smith of said crime of which he stands convicted and do hereby direct and command all ministerial and other officers of this Republic to regard and obey this warrant and forthwith discharge him the said William M Smith, or permit him to go at large unmolested in this Republic

Given under my hand and Seal of
Office at Columbia this 29th day of
January one thousand eight hundred
and thirty seven and in the first year
of the Independence of this Republic

L. S.

Saml Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson
Acting Secy of State.

Proclamation
for election
of members
of Congress
2d aug 1837

By the President of the Republic of Texas
A Proclamation.

Be it known that I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do by virtue of the powers in me vested hereby order and direct that on the fourth day of September next there shall be an election held throughout this Republic for Representatives, and in the Senatorial district of Nacogdoches, Red River, Shelby and Sabine, Washington, Bexar, San Patricio, Goliad and Refugio for Senators in Congress and it is hereby ordered and commanded that the Chief Justices of the respective counties of this Republic shall hold the said election, and appoint judges and Clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by them or some other justices of the same County in which the precincts are established. The returns from each precinct are to be made by said Judges to the respective Chief justices within five days after the election

And, whereas, the Counties of Gonzales, Goliad Victoria, San Patricio and Refugio are in great measure depopulated, and the citizens thereof residing temporarily in different parts of the Republic; therefore, by virtue of a joint Resolution passed at the late session of Congress, it is hereby further, ordered and commanded, that the Chief Justices of the Counties where such inhabitants may be residing shall appoint separate Judges to receive their votes; which are to be returned by them to the Chief Justices, and by the latter forwarded without delay to the Department of State; and in like manner should the regular election be held in any of the Counties named as depopulated, the Chief Justices thereof will make the returns to said Department with as little delay as possible

L. S.

Done at Houston this second day of August A. D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of the Republic the Second

Sam Houston

R A Irion Secy of State

Proclamation
for election for
Senator for
San Augustine
Cy to be held
17 apl 1837

Proclamation

Be it known that I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas do by virtue of the power in me vested hereby order and direct that on the 17th day of April next there shall be an election held at the different precincts ~~in the different precincts~~ in the district of San Augustine for a Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honble G Cozine

And it is hereby further ordered that the Hon. William McFarland, Chief Justice of the County of San Augustine be and is hereby commanded to hold said election for Senator on the day above named, and he the said William McFarland is hereby directed and commanded to appoint the judges and clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by him or some other Justice of the Peace for said County

The returns from each precinct to be made by the Judges thereof to the said William McFarland within four days after the election

Done

Done at Columbia this eleventh of March A.D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of Texas the second

L. S.

Sam Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson Secy of State

Proclamation for the election of Represe for Gonzales County

Proclamation

Be it known that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas do by virtue of the power in me vested hereby order and direct that on the 17th day of April next there shall be an election held in the County of Gonzales for a Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon Wm S Fisher

And it is hereby further ordered that the Hon B. D. McClure is hereby directed and commanded to hold the said election for a Representative in Congress on the day above named and he the said B.D. McClure Chief Justice of the County of Gonzales is hereby directed and commanded to appoint the Judges and clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by him or some other Justice of the Peace for said County

The returns from each precinct is to be made by the Judges thereof to the said B.D. McClure within four days after the election

Done at Columbia this eleventh day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the independence of Texas the second

L. S.

Signed Sam Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson. Secy of State

Proclamation for an election of Reps for Colorado Coy Mar: 11th 37

Proclamation

Be it known that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas do by virtue of the power in me vested hereby order and direct that the 17th day of April next, there shall be an election held in the County of Colorado for a Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Honble J. G Robertson

And it is hereby further ordered that the Hon William Menefee Chief Justice of the County of Colorado be and is hereby commanded to hold said election for a Representative in Congress on the day above named

And he the said William Menefee is hereby directed and commanded to appoint the Judges and clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by him or some other Justice of the Peace for said County. The returns from each precinct is to be made by the Judges thereof to the said William Menifee within four days after the election

L. S.

Done at Columbia this eleventh day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of Texas the Second
Sam Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson Secy of State

Proclamation

Proclamation for election of Representative Matagorda Cy 25 Apl '37

Be it known that I, Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas do, by virtue of the power in me vested, hereby order and direct that on the 25th day of April next there shall be an election held at the different precincts in the County of Matagorda for a Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Ira Ingram

And it is hereby further ordered that the Honorable Silas Dinsmore Junr Chief Justice of the County of Matagorda be and he is hereby commanded to hold said election for Representative, on the day above named: and he the said Silas Dinsmore Junr is hereby directed and commanded to appoint the Judges and Clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by him or some other Justice of the Peace for said County, the returns from each precinct to be made by the judges thereof to the said Silas Dinsmore Junr within four days after the election

Done at Columbia this 13th April 1837 and of the independence of Texas the Second
(Signed) Sam Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson, Secty of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for the apprehension of J. H. Nash for Murder 8th Augst 1837

Whereas, having received official information from Bexar that on the 20th ultimo, a man by the name of J. C. Nash committed as appeared by an inquest legally held on the occasion, "wilful and unprovoked murder", by stabbing a Mexican youth 16 or 17 years of age, and escaped the officers of justice: I do therefore by these presents in the name of the Republic of Texas, offer a reward of two hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Nash, to any Judge or Justice of the Peace of this Republic in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

The murderer was subsequently seen on the Gonzales road travelling westward, he is about 5 feet 8 inch high, black hair and eyes.— Stout built, ruddy complexion and about 25 years of age

L. S.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed and signed the same with

my hand.
Done at the City of Houston, the eighth
day of August A. D. 1837; and of the
independence of the Republic the second

Sam Houston

By the President.
R. A. Irion. Secretary of State

Proclamation
By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation convening Congress on 25th Sept. August 10th 37

Whereas, a serious impediment growing out of the disputed situation of our unsettled boundary on the East, has recently presented itself to the Execution of the Land Law passed by the Congress of this Republic at its last session; And whereas, it is a subject that demands the earliest consideration of that body: I do, therefore by these presents require that the Senators and Representatives of this Republic, shall assemble at the City of Houston on the 25th day of September next then and there to receive such communications as may be made to them; and to adopt such measures as they in their wisdom may think best calculated to remove the difficulties referred to, and to promote the welfare of the Country.

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of
the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed, and signed
the same with my hand.
Done at the City of Houston the 10th day of August
A.D. 1837 and of the Independence of the Republic the
second.

By the President, Sam Houston
R. A. Irion Secty of State.

Proclamation
By the President of the Republic of Texas

Proclamation for the apprehension of James Humphreys & Charles Richards 17th August 1837.

Whereas, official information has been received that James Humphreys who had been committed by the civil authorities of the County of Brazoria on the charge of having assassinated Capt Joseph Powell, at Columbia in June last; and was transferred by said authorities to the Military Post of Velasco for safe keeping, did escape on the night of the 10th instant in irons from said Post: Said Humphreys was born in the County of Orkney, Scotland, is about twenty eight years of age, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, black hair and eyes and by profession a Physician.

Now therefore I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do by these presents, in the name of said Republic offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Humphreys to any Judge or Justice of the Peace, of the Republic, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

And whereas Charles Richards, who had been committed on the charge of having murdered a friendly Indian, known by the name of Capt. [illegible], near this place, in the month of May last, by the Civil Authorities of Harrisburg County; and did escape in irons on the night of the 3d instant from the guard who had him in Custody. Said Richards is about forty five years old; Stout made, fair and curly hair; a small piece off the end of his nose; is addicted to drinking, and resides near St. Augustine.

Therefore, I do, by the authority aforesaid, hereby offer a reward of Two hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Richards to any Judge or Justice of the Peace, of the Republic, in order that he may be dealt with according to Law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed.
Done at the City of Houston, this 17th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

(L.S.)

(Signed) Sam Houston

(R. A. Irion, Secty of State.)

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for issuing Letters of Marque & Reprisal 15th Sept 1837.

Whereas, This Government proclaimed its utter abhorrence to every species of Warfare not calculated for a nations glory and the attainment of an honorable peace, and in pursuance of that policy recalled all "letters of Marque and reprisal" that had been granted under its authority; and, from time to time released prisoners of war without exacting the customary exchanges; and such, moreover, has been the charitable humanity extended to the enemy, that she has up to the present time forborne even to execute according to the laws of Nations, spies heretofore taken, thereby mitigating the horrors of war, hoping by a demonstration of such liberal principles, to inspire the Mexican Government and people with a sense of justice and generosity as we were, to gain the respect of the civilized world, as well as to give an unequivocal expression of our opinions and feelings. But whereas, the Republic of Mexico, despite of the generous and humane course pursued by this Government, recently, when a detachment of prisoners were landed at Matamoras under a Cartel bearing the white flag, with Col. J. A. Wharton proposing the exchange of the Hon. W. H. Wharton, and the Officers and Crew of the Independence, captured in May last by the Mexican fleet; the Authorities regardless of established principles of international law, and the universal usage among civilized people when at war, immediately on landing arrested this messenger of peace, and during six days gave no response, thus compelling him at the hazard of his life to escape from the shores of Mexico.

Now, therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, by virtue of power in me vested by law, do hereby grant "Letters of Marque and Reprisal," to take effect from the promulgation hereof, in order that the Commerce of Mexico may endure the evils thus brought upon her citizens by a want of good faith of her Government.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same.

Done at the City of Houston this the 15th day of Sept A. D. 1837 and of the Independence of Texas the second.

By the President
Sam Houston
R. A. Irion
Secty of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for an Election of Repstv. from Refugio County 7th Octr 1837.

Whereas, the House of Representatives have declared the seat of Representatives for the County of Refugio vacant, therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do, by virtue of Law, hereby order and command that the respective Chief Justices of the Counties of this Republic in which citizens of the said depopulated County may be residing shall cause an election to be held on saturday the 23d inst. for a Representative in Congress for the said County of Refugio.

It is further ordered that the Chief Justices shall appoint Judges and Clerks to hold said election who shall be qualified by them or other Justices of the Peace for the Counties in which the precincts are situated. The returns to be made by the Judges to the Chief Justices without delay, and forwarded by the latter as soon as practicable to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be affixed, and signed the same.

Done at the City of Houston this the 7th of October A. D. 1837. And of the Independence of Texas the Second.

By the President
R. A. Irion,
Secty of State.
Sam Houston

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas

Proclamation for election of a Senator from San Augustine 25th Nov 1837

Whereas, the seat of Senator in the Congress of this Republic for the County of San Augustine having been vacated by the resignation of the Hon.l H. W. Augustin; therefore, I, Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct the Chief Justice of the said County to cause an election to be held on Saturday, the 16th day of Decr next for the election of a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Houston this the 25th day of November A. D. 1837, and of the Independence of Texas the Second.

By the President
Sam Houston
R. A. Irion
Secty of State

Proclamation
By the President of the Republic of Texas

Proclamation for electing a Senator from San Augustine " " " " "

Whereas, the Seat of Senator in the Congress of the Republic of Texas for the County of San Augustine has been vacated by the Resignation of the Hon. H. W. Augustin; therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct the Chief Justice of the said County to cause an election to be held on the first monday of February next for a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

In testimony Whereof I have caused the Seal
of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed
Done at the City of Houston this the .....
...... A D 183 , and of the Independence
of Texas the second
Sam Houston

By the President
(R. A. Irion, Secretary of State)

Proclamation
By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Exequatur to Stewart Newell, Consul for the Port of Velasco. 7th Decr 1837.

Be it known, that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby recognize Stewart Newell as Consul of the United States of America for the Port of Velasco in this Republic; and enjoin all officers, civil and military in the Ports and places of his Consulate, to afford him in the execution of his duties all proper aid and assistance, in order that he may enjoy without hindrance or molestation all the pre-eminences, authority and priviledges in any wise appertaining to the Office of Consul.

Given at the City of Houston, under
my hand and Seal of the Republic
this the 7th day of Decr A D 1837.
and of the Independence of Texas
the Second.

{L S}

Sam Houston.

By the President.
R. A. Irion
Secty of State.

Treaty with Tonkaway tribe of Indians.

Texas Post of Bexar
Novr 22d 1837

Treaty with the Tonkaway Indians made by Col Karnes 22d Novr 1837.

[illegible] following Treaty of peace and amity was entered into at the Post of Bexar in the Republic of Texas between the [illegible] tribe of Indians through their Chiefs on the one [illegible] the Republic of Texas through its authorized agent [illegible] on the other part.

Article 1st We the Chiefs of the Tonkaway tribe of Indians being sensible that [illegible] incul[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] wish to live upon terms of peace and amity with the Government

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[illegible] in order to ensure the [illegible] we [illegible] resolve to bring to Condign punishment such individuals of our tribe as may depredate upon the property or injure the persons of any of the Citizens belonging to the Republic of Texas. (Adopted)

Article 2d. As the desire of gain is an unconquerable passion in the human breast, and when united to a bad heart, the source of all the ills which afflict humanity, we do, to avoid the evils resulting from a direct intercourse with unprincipled men and to perpetuate the friendly relation which is this day established, require the Texian Commissioner to appoint a trading Agent, who shall regulate and have a controlling influence over the trade which may be carried on between the Toncoway and the Citizens of Texas. (Adopted)

Article 3d. Free ingress and egress is allowed to the Citizens of Texas for the purposes of Trade, subject to the requisition of the 2d Article. that is to say, no trader is to enter our tribe with an intent to trade, without first obtaining a license or passport from our trading Agent: And for the prevention of future Collisions, we bind ourselves and our tribe not to trade with any persons who are not legally authorized to traffic among us. (Adopted)

Article 4th. The Government of Texas also agrees to live on terms of peace and amity with the Toncoway's; and should the latter fulfil the stipulation mentioned above, it binds itself to punish all aggressions which may be committed by any of its citizens upon the Toncoway tribe; provided sufficient evidence of guilt is adduced. (Adopted)

Article 5th. In conformity to the second article of this Treaty, I. H. W. Karnes, the Commissioner appointed by Government to treat with the frontier tribes, do this day constitute and appoint [illegible] Louis the Trading Agent, of the Toncoway tribe — the said Louis is to Continue in office until removed by the Government. (Adopted)

Article 6th. This treaty is to take effect and be binding upon the Toncoways, when signed by the Chiefs; and upon the Government of Texas when Constitutionally ratified.

In testimony whereof the representatives of the two contracting parties have hereunto set their names and affixed their seals this 22d day of November 1838.

Toncoway Chiefs.
Ouchcala his + mark
[illegible] his + mark
[illegible] his + mark
H. W. Karnes

[illegible] read in the Senate 19th Dec 1838
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21st [illegible]

of Fort Bend to cause an election to be held for all the civil officers necessary to organize said County, after having given legal notice thereof.

Given at the City of Houston under my hand
and seal of office this the 21st day of December
A.D. 1837, and of the Independence of Texas the 2d

Sam Houston

By the President,

R. A. Irion

Secretary of State.

Proclamation

Executive Department, Republic of Texas.

Proclamation
revoking the
powers of agents
to sell land Scrip,

Whereas, there are various reasons inducing me, as the Executive of this Republic to issue the following proclamation.

Be it known that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, by the authority in me vested, do hereby ordain and declare, that all agents of this Republic authorized to sell land Scrip are hereby recalled and their powers revoked. That hereafter no land scrip is to be sold for less than one dollar and fifty cents per acre; and that when such scrip be sold the money is to be placed in specie paying Banks, subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the sale attested by the Cashier of such bank. That hereafter no money will be received for any debts or dues payable to this Republic, either for customs or taxes, except Promissory Notes, gold or silver. That all land scrip sold heretofore on credit, must be returned, and the land relinquished and cancelled, as no Agents were ever Authorized to sell on credit, but positively and expressly limited to sell only for cash

Done at the City of Houston this 25th day of
December, 1837. And in the year of Independence
the second.

(Signed) Sam Houston.

R. A. Irion, Secretary of State.

A Treaty of peace and perpetual friendship between the Republic of Texas and the Lipan Tribe of Indians.

Treaty of
Peace with
Lipan Tribe
of Indians.

The President of the Republic of Texas being solicitous to secure the peace and friendship of the Lipan tribe of Indians, has given James Power authority to make pledges and assurances of this wish on behalf of said Republic, and with a view to further and secure the peace and friendship of said tribe of Indians, the said James Power does hereby enter into a treaty of peace and perpetual friendship with Cuelgas de Castro the principal and ruling Chief of the said tribe of Lipan Indians, who is vested with full power to act and treat for said tribe of Indians.

Article 1st, The Republic of Texas promises and hereby guarantees peace, friendship and protection to said tribe of Lipan Indians while they remain peaceable and in good faith and do not disturb the citizens, their property nor in any manner act unworthy of the friendship of the Republic of Texas.

Article 2d. The Lipan Indians do hereby promise and solemnly pledge themselves to be and remain the perpetual friends of the Republic of Texas.

Article 3. The Republic of Texas with a view to manifest to the Lipans her desire to cultivate and secure their friendship and promote their interest and happiness, do agree to appoint a trader or traders or establish a trading house or houses among them, at such points or time as their wandering habits may permit that they may have such articles furnished them as their wants may require and their means enable them to purchase.

Article 4. The Republic of Texas by James Power do, as a pledge of friendship for said Lipans agree to give their Chief the value of two hundred and fifty dollars in articles which may administer most to the present wants of said Lipans, and they in consideration of the same and with a further view to show their friendship to the Republic of Texas and her Citizens, do agree to deliver over to the Citizens of said Republic all Cattle, Horses, Mules or other property which may come into their hands, provided the right to the same can be established, by marks, brands or other lawful means to be established by the President of the Republic of Texas, provided that said Lipans shall be paid at the time of delivering such property a just and fair Compensation for taking and delivering such property to the owners thereof, the modes of proving the right to the same shall be prescribed by the President of the Republic of Texas.

Article 5th It is mutually agreed between the contracting parties that should any of the said Lipans commit any violence upon any of the citizens of the Republic or any outrages or wrongful seizure of the property of the Citizens of said Republic, the said ruling Chief Castro agrees on the behalf of his people to deliver over to the authorities of said Republic the Indian committing such violence, who shall be amenable to the laws of the Republic and restore the property taken, and the Republic of Texas by James Power agrees, should any violence be done by any of the Citizens of Texas to any of said Lipans upon report of the same being made by the Chief of the Lipans to the President of the Republic, to have the offenders punished according to the laws of Texas, and to have their property restored to them, should any proof be made that any of the Citizens of this Republic should have unlawfully taken the same, and in no case shall either party take redress into their own hands, for outrages, violence or wrongful acts which any of the Lipans may commit upon the persons or property of the Citizens of Texas, or for any violence outrages, or wrongful acts which may be committed by the Citizens of said Republic upon the persons or property of any of said Lipan Indians, but application for justice and redress shall be made by and through the ruling authorities of each of the contracting parties according to the spirit and tenor of this article.

Article 6th It is further agreed by the Contracting parties that the persons and property of any of the Lipans shall be secure and not be disturbed by any of the Citizens of the Republic while they may be passing through any part of the same in a peaceable manner, and the persons and property of the Citizens of the Republic, [illegible] at peace with the Republic, 17

or such other persons and their property who may be invited to the Republic by its policy or authorities shall not be molested nor disturbed by any of the Lipans while passing through any part of this Republic, excepting such indian tribes as the Lipans may be at open war with

(Signed) James Power (Seal)
(Signed) Cuelgas his x mark de Castro (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in good faith at Live oak Point by James Power on behalf of the Republic of Texas, and by Cuelgas de Castro ruling Chief of the Lipans, on this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty eight, in the presence of

Samuel A Plummer
George W Fulton
Thomas Benes, Interpreter;
R. G. Dunlap

Proclamation

Proclamation relative to Civil officers of new Counties by Act of Congress January 16th 1838

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Whereas it has been represented to the Executive that in the formation of new Counties in this Republic, and in changing the boundaries of old ones by several Acts of Congress, it has so happened that many of the County officers heretofore commissioned, find that their domicils are either in a new County, or by a change of boundary, in a county different from that for which they were commissioned; and doubts having arisen whether in such cases the said officers can continue legally to act under their commissions heretofore granted.

Be it known therefore, in order to remove such difficulties that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct that, where, by the creation of new Counties officers heretofore Commissioned shall be domiciled within the limits of those new Counties, they shall continue the exercise of their several functions until the said new Counties shall be duly organized, by the election and qualification of their proper officers, after which their authority by and under their former Commissions will cease and determine. But where by a change in the boundary lines between old Counties the domicils of officers heretofore Commissioned for one County shall be by such changes placed under the jurisdiction of another County, they cannot continue to act, and their Commissions are hereby vacated. And I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices of the several Counties in which vacancies may have been thus created in any County offices do proceed forthwith to cause elections to be held for filling the same according to law.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed. Done at the City of Houston this 16th day of January A.D. 1838 and of the Independence of Texas the second.

(L.S.)

By the President
Sam Houston
R. A. Irion
Secretary of State.

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for Election in Jasper County 23 Feby 1838

Whereas the seat of representative in the Congress of this Republic for the County of Jasper having been vacated by the death of the Hon. Samuel S. Lewis, therefore I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct the Chief Justice of the said County to cause an election to be held on Saturday the thirty first day of March next for the election of a representative, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed,
Done at the City of Houston this the 23d day of February A.D. 1838 and of the Independence of Texas the second.

By the President. Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secretary of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for Election in Sabine County. 26th Feby 1838.

Whereas, the seat of Representative in the Congress of this Republic for the County of Sabine, having been vacated by the resignation of the Hon. William Clark; Therefore I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct the Chief Justice of the said County to cause an election to be held on Saturday, the 31st day of March next, for the election of a representative to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.
Done at the City of Houston, this the 26th day of February A.D. 1838, and of the Independence of Texas the second.

By the President. Sam Houston.
R. A. Irion
Secretary of State

Treaty of Peace with the Tonkaway Indians.

City of Houston 10th April 1838.

Treaty of Peace with Tonkaway Indians 10th April 1838

This treaty of peace and amity made and entered into at the City of Houston, by the Hon. B. E. Bee Secy of War and Col. G. W. Bonnell, Commissioners on the part of the Republic of Texas, and Genl [illegible], Col. Oquin and Placido [illegible] of the Tonkaway tribe of Indians, [illegible] to all whom it may concern, that the public faith and [illegible] of the contracting parties is mutually and firmly pledged for the performance of the [illegible] following, viz.

Article 1st [illegible] the Tonkaway tribe of [illegible]

[illegible]

in peace, and also that their white Brothers may be [illegible] that they sincerely wish to live as brothers, do agree and promise to bring to just punishment such individuals of their tribe as may commit any depredations upon the property, or injure the persons of any of the Citizens belonging to the Republic of Texas.

Article 2d. Hon B. E. Bee and G. W. Hockley Comrs on the part of the Republic of Texas being desirous that their Red Brothers the Toncoways may not be Cheated by bad men, will forthwith appoint an agent, who shall superintend their business and protect their rights, and see that this agreement is complied with by all.

Article 3d. That such other persons who may be authorized to trade with said Toncoways shall have free and safe Conduct through and from the Nation, and the said Toncoway hereby bind themselves, not to trade with any other than such authorized persons.

Article 4. Hon B. E. Bee and Col G. W. Hockley Comrs on the part of the Republic of Texas, hereby bind themselves, that so long as the said Toncoways shall comply with the stipulations of this treaty; they will punish any Citizen of of the Republic according to law, who may in any way infringe on the rights of the said Toncoways, or injure them in any way whatever.

Article 5. On the second Monday of October of every year, Five of the Chiefs, or Chiefs and Warriors of the Toncoway will be required to visit the seat of Government of this Republic, that they may talk with the President.

Article 6. It is agreed that this treaty shall take effect, and be binding on the two Contracting parties, from and after its signature by the Chiefs of the Toncoways and the Commissioners of the Republic of Texas.

Article 7. Should any property of the Citizens of Texas be stolen by, or otherwise fall into the hands of, any of the Toncoway tribe, the Chief shall be bound to see that it is forthwith returned to the owner, or the Agent of Government.

Article 8. The Toncoway Chiefs bind themselves that no stock shall be killed or horses taken, or stolen by their tribes, and should the same be done, the offender shall be punished according to his crime.

In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and date above written.

Barnard E. Bee, Secy of War,
Geo. W. Hockley, Col of Ordnance,
Campos his mark
Oquin Y his mark
Placido his X mark 5 [illegible]

R. G. [illegible],
2d Auditor & Interpreter.
Witness
A. [illegible] [illegible]
Edward Hall
E. [illegible]
Stephen [illegible]
[illegible]

Convention relating to Brigs Pocket & Durango.

Convention between Texas & U. States relating to Brigs Pocket & Durango. 11th April 1838.

Convention between the Government of the Republic of Texas, and the government of the United States of America to terminate the reclamations of the latter government for the Capture and seizure and detention of the Brigs Pocket and Durango, and for injuries suffered by American Citizens on board the Pocket.

R. A. Irion, Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of said Republic and Alcée La Branche Chargé de Affaires of the United States of America near the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of the said United States, have agreed to the following articles.

Article 1st. The Government of the Republic of Texas with a view to satisfy the aforesaid reclamations for the Capture, seizure and Confiscation of the two vessels aforementioned as well as for indemnity to American Citizens, who have suffered injuries from the said Government of Texas, or its officers, obliges itself to pay the sum of eleven thousand ~~dollars~~ seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Government of the United States of America to be distributed amongst the Claimants by the said Government of the United States of America.

Article 2d. The sum of eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars agreed on in the first Article shall be paid in Gold or Silver, with interest at 6 per Cent, one year after the exchange of the ratifications of this Convention. The said payment shall be made at the seat of Government of the Republic of Texas, into the hands of such person or persons as shall be duly Authorized by the Government of the United States of America to receive the same.

Article 3d. The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratification thereof shall be exchanged in the City of Washington in the space of three months from this date or sooner if possible.

In faith whereof the parties above named have respectively subscribed these Articles and thereunto affixed their seals.

Done at the City of Houston on the eleventh day of the month of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

(Seal) R. A. Irion
(Seal) Alcée La Branche

Proclamation for Apprehending James Humphrey 13th Apl 1838.

Republic of Texas
City of Houston

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Louisiana

Whereas, a felonious homicide has been committed by one James Humphrey, upon the person of Joseph Powell in the County of Brazoria, in this Republic for which offence the said James Humphrey now stands indicted by the Grand Jury of that County. And whereas the said James Humphrey has escaped from his imprisonment, and fled from this Republic, and is represented to be at large in the State of Louisiana.

Now therefore be it known that I, Sam Houston [illegible] of the [illegible] in the name [illegible] of the same, do by these presents solicit and make requisition of you as [illegible] of the said State to authorize the above named James Humphrey to be apprehended as a fugitive from Justice, and allow him to be forthwith returned to the jurisdiction of this Republic in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

And you are further requested to cause all magistrates, marshalls, Sheriffs and other officers of Justice to be aiding and assisting in the arrest and return of the above named James Humphrey.

The interposition of your Authority in this case is requested, upon the basis of that Amity which should always exist between friendly States, and will be promptly reciprocated whenever occasion requires.

L. S.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the Republic to be affixed this thirtieth day of April A.D. 1838, and of the Independence of Texas the third.

By the President
Sam Houston

A. Irion
Secretary of State

Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas,
To All and singular, who shall see these presents:

Greeting

Whereas, a Convention for marking a portion of the boundary between the Republic of Texas and the United States of America was concluded and signed by their Plenipotentiaries in the City of Washington on the 25th day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, the original of which is hereunto annexed.

And Whereas, the Senate of the Republic of Texas, by their resolution of the 23rd day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, two thirds of the Senators present Concurring, did advise and Consent to the ratification of the said Convention.

Now, Therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, having seen and Considered the said Convention, do in pursuance of the aforesaid advice and Consent of the Senate of the Republic of Texas, by these presents, accept ratify and Confirm the said Convention and every Article and Clause thereof.

In faith whereof, I have Caused the great Seal of the Republic of Texas to be hereunto affixed.

L. S.

Given under my hand at the City of Houston, this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the third.

Sam Houston

By the President
R. A. Irion, Secty of State (Convention as follows)

Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Texas, for marking the boundary between them.

Whereas, the treaty of limits made and concluded on the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight between the United States of America on the one part and the United Mexican States on the other is binding upon the Republic of Texas, the same having been entered into at a time when Texas formed a part of the said United Mexican States:

And whereas it is deemed proper and expedient in order to prevent future disputes and collisions between the United States and Texas in regard to the boundary between the two Countries as designated by the said treaty, that a portion of the same should be run and marked without unnecessary delay.

The President of the United States have appointed John Forsyth their plenipotentiary, and the President of the Republic of Texas has appointed Memucan Hunt its plenipotentiary. And the said Plenipotentiaries having exchanged their full powers, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles

Article 1st each of the contracting parties shall appoint a commissioner and surveyor who shall meet before the termination of twelve months from the exchange of the ratifications of this Convention, at New Orleans and proceed to run and mark that portion of the said boundary which extends from the mouth of the Sabine where that River enters the Gulf of Mexico to the Red River. They shall make out plans and keep journals of their proceedings, and the result agreed upon by them shall be considered part of this Convention and shall have the same force as if it were inserted therein. The two governments will amicably agree respecting the necessary articles to be furnished to those persons and also to their respective escorts, should such be deemed necessary.

Article 2d And it is agreed that untill this line shall be marked out as is provided for in the foregoing article, each of the contracting parties shall continue to exercise jurisdiction in all territory over which its jurisdiction has hitherto been exercised, and that the remaining portion of the said boundary line shall be run and marked at such time hereafter as may suit the convenience of both the contracting parties, untill which time each of the said parties shall exercise without the interference of the other ~~while~~ within the territory of which the boundary shall not have been so marked and run jurisdiction to the same extent to which it has been heretofore usually exercised.

Article 3. The present convention shall be ratified [illegible] the ratification will be exchanged at Washington within the term of six months from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof we the respective plenipotentiaries have signed these presents and have hereunto affixed our respective seals. Done at Washington this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and in the sixty second year of the Independence of the United States of America and in the third of that of the Republic of Texas.

(Seal) John Forsyth
(Seal) Memucan Hunt

City of Houston 29th May 1838

This Treaty of Peace and Amity made and entered into at the City of Houston by the Hon R. A. Irion & Doctor Ashbel Smith Commissioners on the part of the Republic of Texas and Muguarrah, Musty, and Muhi, Chiefs of the Comanchie Tribe of Indians, Proclaims! to all whom it may concern. that the public faith and honor of each of the contracting parties is mutually and firmly bound, for the performance of the several articles following. Viz.—

Treaty of Peace with the Comanchie Tribe of Indians

Art 1. The Comanchie Tribe of Indians, through their several chiefs being desirous of enjoying their hunting grounds and homes in peace, and also, that their White Brothers may be more fully assured that they sincerely wish to love them as brothers, do agree and promise to bring to just punishment such individuals of their tribe, as may commit any depredations upon the property, or injure the persons, of any of the citizens belonging to the Republic of Texas.

Art 2nd The Hon R. A. Irion and Doct. Ashbel Smith, Commissioners on the part of the Republic of Texas, being desirous that their Red Brothers, the Comanchies may not be cheated by bad men, will forthwith appoint an Agent, who shall superintend their business and protect their rights, and see that this agreement is complied with by all.—

Art 3 That such other persons who may be authorized to trade with the said Comanchies, shall have free and safe conduct through and from the Nation, and the said Comanchies hereby bind themselves not to trade with any other than such persons.—

Art 4 The Hon R. A. Irion and Doctor Ashbel Smith Commissioners on the part of the Republic of Texas hereby bind the Republic, that as long as the said Comanchies shall comply with the stipulations of this Treaty, they will punish any citizen of the Republic, according to law, who may in any way infringe on the rights of the said Comanchies, or injure them in any way whatever.

Art 5 On the second moon of October of every year —— of the chiefs or chief and warriors of the Comanchies will be coming to visit the Seat of Government of this Republic and hold a talk with the President.

Art 6 It is agreed that this treaty shall be in force and be binding on the two contracting parties, from and after its signature by the chiefs and commissioners of the Republic of Texas.—

Art 7 Should any property of the Citizens of Texas, stolen or otherwise fall into the hands of any of the Comanche tribe, the chief shall be bound to see that it is forthwith restored to the owner, or the agent of Government.—

Art 8 The Comanche Chiefs bind themselves, that no stock shall be killed, or horses taken or stolen, by their tribe, and should the same be done, the offender shall be punished according to the crime by the Whites.

Art 9 The Comanches bind themselves to make war upon all tribes of Indians, that may make, or attempt to make war upon the traders appointed by the President of the Republic of Texas, because such conduct would throw trouble in the way of their trading.

Art 10. The Comanches promise that they will stand by the White man and be his friend against all his enemies, while he has a War to show, and will not kill their men, or steal their property.

Art 11 Peace is never to die between the parties, that make this agreement they have shaken hands upon it, and the Great spirit has looked down and seen their actions, He will curse all chiefs that tell a lie before his eyes, Their women and children cannot be happy.

In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals, the date and day above written

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Witnesses
Joseph Baker
Ro Wilson
A McLeod
Anson Jones
Edward Hall
Stephen Z Hoyle Private Secy.

R. A. Irion Secy. of State (Seal)
Ashbel Smith, Commissioner Seal
Muguarrah his mark Seal
Muestyah his mark Seal
Muhy his mark Seal

To all to whom these presents shall come or may Concern. Greeting.

Copy Passport granted to Comanchie Indians

I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas. do hereby request, all who may meet with the bearers. Muguarrah, Muestyah, and Muhy, Chiefs of the Comanchie Nation, who are the friends and brothers of the Texians, freely to permit them to pass through the Country, so long as they conduct themselves with peace, and friendship towards the Whites, and to treat them with kindness and attention.—

If any trader or other person authorized by the Government should visit the Comanchie Nation, he is to have free and safe conduct, and in case of need, to be protected

Given at the City of Houston under my hand and the Great Seal of the Republic this thirtieth day of May One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight, and the third year of Texian independence.

By the President
(Signed) Sam Houston

(Signed) R. A. Irion
Secy of State.

To the Chief Justices
of the Counties of San Patricio, Goliad, &c. — Victoria
Sir

In as much as many citizens claimed by this Republic reside near to the Rio Grande, and should so far as possible have the benefits of trade and Commerce with the interior of Texas so as to exchange such commodities as they may have to exchange for such others as they may think needful for their comforts and enjoy the benefits of our laws, which are created for the protection and good of the Citizens of the Republic, —

And whereas it is not possible to discriminate between the Citizens of this Government, and those of the Republic of Mexico, residing on or near the Rio Grande, it is proper that such rules and restrictions should be established, as will do injustice to none, while it may guard us from any hostile influence from the latter. —

English copy of instructions to Chief Justices of different Counties relative to opening the trade with citizens west of Rio Grande

1st Our friends from the frontier may have leave to trade from the Rio Grande, to the town of Bexar, and other parts of Texas, under the following rules. —

2nd All persons trading, shall advise the Chief Justice of the approach of any Company over ten persons, at least one day previous to entering any town or post to which they may be destined, with a report of their numbers, and the object for which they Come. —

3rd They shall report all the arms on their arrival, and shall deliver up the same to the Chief Justice of the County, who shall give them a receipt for the arms, and any other articles which may be deposited with him, to be delivered up to them, on their departure for their homes.

4th A list of the number of horses, mules and other animals shall be filed with the Chief Justice, and the persons trading who wish to come further into the Country, shall apply to the said Officer and obtain from him a permit or passport, stating in it the number of persons, where going and animals, as before described, and shall on his or their return to the post, leave the same, and receive the articles which are left in deposit — Arms &c.

5th No Company of more than twenty persons, shall be allowed to come with one Company, or Cavallard, unless special leave is first obtained from the Chief Justice, and the Chief Justice of the town, or County shall be allowed and shall receive from the traders at the following rates. For any Company of persons amounting to twenty — Twenty dollars — Under twenty and over ten in number — Fifteen dollars, and all under ten the sum of Ten dollars, which shall be all that he shall require for his trouble.

6th He shall be responsible for all things placed in his Custody, and bound to restore the same, as already set forth, and no fees shall be exacted for the same Company during the trip, but by one Chief Justice of the Government.

7th The permit or passport, shall be evidence that the fees have been once paid, and no more is to be demanded.

8th No arms or ammunition, is permitted to be sold to persons who come from the Rio Grande, or are trading to any part of Texas.

9th No person shall be allowed to trade from the settlements of Texas in the direction of the Rio Grande, nor any companies to be raised without orders of the Government, as no conduct of the kind will be recognized by law, only in case of invasion, when the militia may be called out on the frontier for the time being. But no company shall go west of the Nueces without orders expressly from Government.—

10th The War Department will be advised when needful by express, sent by the Chief Justice of each County, of all matters touching the safety or protection of the frontier.

11th The greatest prudence and discretion in the execution of these regulations will be necessary, for neither laws nor regulations, no matter however salutary they may be in themselves, unless they are administered with wisdom and prudence, can produce either harmony, happiness or safety to a community

12th As it is impossible, that every circumstance which may occur, can be known only to those who are present at the scene of action, the best plan will be to apply the rules, so far as possible, and when they do not embrace the particular case, and the laws are not known on the subject— It will be the duty of Judges, to do equity, and it is required by law, that the Civil Authorities of the Republic should be sustained, which it is confidently believed by the President that all good citizens will obey the laws, and support the Constitution.

13th It will be the duty of Chief Justices of the Counties on the frontier, to make known the rules under which the citizens of Texas, from the Rio Grande, can trade to the interior of the Republic.

14 No persons trading are to be molested, who are ignorant and do not seek to violate the laws or these regulations by design. Nor will any parties who deport themselves peaceably be molested, by any citizen or other person further than to conduct them to the Chief Justice of the County who shall take cognizance of their case.—

15th It will be the duty of the Chief Justices and the civil authorities to prevent all unnecessary annoyance to those who may be engaged in trade and so far as possible to prevent all infractions of the laws of the Republic—

16 Written translations of these rules shall be sent to the Rio Grande, and made known to the Texian citizens, who do not read nor understand the English language, and one copy at least will be placed in a conspicuous place, at the Seat of Justice in the Counties of Bexar, Goliad, San Patricio and Victoria.

17 These regulations will continue in force until otherwise ordered by the Government, which will be the case in the event of any disturbance growing out of the measure

Done at the City of Houston this
thirtieth day of June A.D.
1838. And the Great Seal of the
Republic Affixed

(L.S.)

(Signed)
Sam. Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Whereas, official information has been received, that Billy, a Choctaw Indian, died of a wound, inflicted near Nacogdoches, on or about the first day of May last, by a young man, named James Aldridge, by striking the said Indian on the head with a Spade;—

Proclamation for the apprehension of James Aldridge for the murder of Billy a Choctaw Indian

Now, therefore, I, Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do by these presents, in the name of said Republic, offer a reward of Two Hundred dollars, for the apprehension and delivery, of the said Aldridge, to any Judge or Justice of the Peace, of the Republic, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the Republic, to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at
the City of Houston this the
thirtieth day of June A.D. 1838
and of the independance of
Texas the third.—

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas

Proclamation relative to treaty of amity navigation &c with H. B. M's Governmt

Whereas, a Commercial arrangement has been entered into, between her Majesty's Government of Great Britain, and this Republic, by which our veſsels and goods, under the national Flag, and with Texian papers, are to be admitted into the ports of the former, in the same manner, as the veſsels, and goods of Mexico, under the scope and stipulations of the treaty, with that Government, and the veſsels and goods of Great Britain, to be admitted into the ports of this Republic, upon the basis of the same treaty.—

Now, therefore, Be it known, that, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, have caused the arrangement to be made public, to the end, that the same may be observed and fulfilled in good faith by this Republic, and the officers and citizens thereof.—

In testimony whereof, I have caused the great seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.—

Done at the City of Houston this
the 4th day of July in the Year of
our Lord, One thousand eight hun
dred and thirty eight.

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Be it Known that I, Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do, by virtue of power in me vested by law, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of this Republic to cause an election to be held in all the Counties thereof on Monday the third day of September Next, for the election of a President, and Vice President of the Said Republic, Representatives, and, in the Senatorial Districts of —— &c Senators in Congress.

Proclamation
to C. Justices
to hold an election
for President
& V President
&c 3rd Sept 1838

The Chief Justices of the respective Counties will appoint the judges and Clerks for each precinct who shall be qualified by them, or Some other justice or Justices in the County or Counties, in which the precincts are established, and the returns from each precinct are to be made by the said judges to the Chief justices respectively within five days next Succeeding the election. The votes polled for the President & Vice President will be sealed up and forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

And Whereas the Counties of Gonzales, Victoria, Goliad, Refugio & San Patricio are partially depopulated, and many of the Citizens thereof are residing temporarily in different parts of the Republic, therefore, in accordance with a joint resolution passed at the second session of the first Congress, it is hereby further ordered, that the Chief justices of the Counties where such inhabitants may be residing shall appoint separate judges to receive their votes, which are to be returned by them to the Chief justices, and by the latter forwarded without delay to the Department of State, and in like manner, should the regular election be held in any of the Counties named as depopulated, the Chief justices thereof will make the returns to the said Department

In testimony &c.

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic Texas.

Whereas it appears from official information received through the civil authorities of the County of Bexar, that a man by the name of Cox, in the month of July last, did raise a Company of armed men, for the avowed purpose of taking and burning Laredo, and carrying off all the Cattle, horses &c, that could be found.

Proclamation
ing offer of
reward for the
apprehension of
Cox. 30 days

And, Whereas, the said Cox marched from Bastrop, on the 17th of the month aforesaid, and halted a short time at Bexar for another Company, and a party of Choctaw Indians to join him: being however, disappointed, in the arrival of the latter Company and the Indians, he determined to proceed on the expedition alone; and, accordingly, departed from Bexar, and encamped on the Tahuacano creek, where a party of Mexicans, Composed of several men, a woman, and five or six children, joined them, both parties manifesting friendship to each other.

And, whereas, at this place, and under these circumstances, the Company of Cox suddenly seized on several of the Mexicans, deprived them of their arms, shot a boy who was in the arms of his mother, and wounded a man, and then robbed them of all the property they had (except two or three [illegible]) consisting of Mules, horses, money, leather, &c which they were carrying to Bexar to be exchanged for guns, leaving them neither clothing nor food

And, Whereas, the said Cox raised his company without the sanction of the Government, and in direct violation of the Constitution and laws of the Country, and committed the murder and robbery herein before specified, at the said Tahuacano creek, on the second day of August instant.

Now, therefore, I Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, in the name of the said Republic, do, by these presents, offer a reward of Five Hundred dollars for the apprehension of the said Cox, and his delivery to the civil authorities in this City, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

And, Whereas, three of the men belonging to the company of Cox, were arrested by the civil Authorities of Bexar, as accomplices in the above named outrage, and owing to the insecurity of the County jail, were bailed by the Chief Justice of the County aforesaid.

And, Whereas, the remainder of the company are roaming at large, and inasmuch as they cannot be considered so culpable, as the ringleader of the band, they are hereby required to deliver themselves up to the civil authorities, in order that the extent of their participation in the outrage may be fairly ascertained, and the odium of this transaction thrown on the individuals who have merited it the most.

Such a course on their part it is believed, would tend to mitigate the severity of the law, so far as respects their conduct in the matter.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the great Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Houston, this
the Thirtieth day of August A.D.
One thousand Eight hundred & thirty Eight
and of the Independence of Texas the third

L. S.

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

A treaty of peace and friendship between Holland Coffee commissioner on the part of the Republic of Texas, and the Towackon Keechis and their associate bands or tribes of Indians

Treaty with Towackonie Keechis &c Indians By H. Coffee

For the purpose of establishing and perpetuating, peace and friendship, between the Republic of Texas, and the Keechis Towackonees Wacos, and Towcash, nations and their associate bands, or tribes, of Indians, the President of the Republic of Texas, has, to accomplish this desirable object, appointed Holland Coffee, Commissioner, on the part of the Republic of Texas, and the said Holland Coffee, has met the Chiefs, Warriors, and Representatives, of the tribes above mentioned near the mouth of the Ouchita at the Shawnee Village in the Republic of Texas, and after full deliberation, the said nations or tribes, have agreed with the Republic of Texas, upon the following Articles (Viz)

Article 1st There shall be perpetual peace, and friendship, between all the Citizens of the Republic of Texas, and all the Indians composing the Keechies Tawackonies Wakos and Tawacash nations and their associate bands or tribes of Indians —

Article 2nd Every injury or act of hostility by one or either of the contracting parties, on the other shall be mutually forgiven, and forever forgotten —

Article 3rd The Keechies Tawackonies Wakoes and Tawacash nations and their associate bands or tribes of Indians severally agree and bind themselves to pay full value for any injury these people may do to the goods or other property, of such trader as the President of the Republic of Texas, may place near to these settlements or hunting grounds for the purpose of trading with them.

Article 4th It is agreed by the Commissioner of the Republic of Texas, that in consequence of the Keechies, Tawackonies, Wakos and Tawacash nations, and their associate bands, or tribes, of Indians, having freely and willingly entered into this treaty, that they shall receive presents immediately after signing, as a donation from the Republic of Texas, nothing being asked from these nations or tribes, of Indians, in return, except to remain at peace with the Republic of Texas, which there own good, and that of their ~~property~~ posterity require.

Article 5th This Treaty shall be obligatory on the nations or tribes from and after the date hereof. and on the Republic of Texas from and after its ratification by the Government thereof.

Done and signed and sealed near the mouth of Ofelitas at Shawnee Village Fannin County
Republic of Texas — September Second
One thousand Eight hundred & thirty eight

Witnesses
Silas C. Colville
L. C. R. Jackson
A. J. Foster

Holland Coffee Commissioner (Seal)
Oso + Keechie chief (Seal)
Tocarawate + Tawackona " (Seal)
Carawastarla + Usakota " (Seal)
Tope Jesky captains
Tchala + Wakkat-wako Capts (Seal)

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas

Convention relative to Boundary between the U. States Gov't & the Gov't of Texas 6th Nov 1838.

Whereas, a Convention between the Republic of Texas, And the U. States of America, for marking the boundary between them, was concluded, and signed, at Washington, on the 25th day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight. which Convention is word for word as follows.

Convention between the Republic of Texas, And the U. States of America, for marking the boundary between them. Whereas, The treaty of limits made and concluded on the twelfth day of January, in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty eight, between the United States of America, on the one part, and the United Mexican States on the other, is binding upon the Republic of Texas, the same having been entered into, at a time when Texas formed a part of the said, United Mexican States, and Whereas, It is deemed proper and expedient, in order to prevent future disputes and collissions, between Texas, and the U. States, in regard to the boundary between the two Countries, as designated by the said treaty, that a portion of the same should be run and marked without unnecessary delay. The President of the Republic of Texas has appointed Memucan Hunt its Plenipotentiary, And the President of the U States has appointed John Forsythe their Plenipotentiary.

And the said Plenipotentiaries have exchanged their full powers, have agreed upon, and concluded the following Articles. Article 1st. Each of the Contracting parties shall appoint a Commissioner and Surveyor who shall meet before the termination of twelve months, from the exchange of the ratifications of this Convention at New Orleans, and proceed to run and mark that portion of the said boundary, which extends from the mouth of the Sabine, where that River enters the Gulf of Mexico, to the Red River, they shall make out plans and keep journals of their proceedings, and the result agreed upon by them, shall be considered as part of this Convention, and shall have the same force, as if it were inserted therein, the two Governments will amicably agree respecting the necessary articles to be furnished to those persons, and also as to their respective escorts, should such be deemed necessary.

Article 2nd. And it is agreed, that until this line shall be marked out, as is provided for in the foregoing Article, Each of the Contracting parties shall continue to exercise jurisdiction in all territory over which its jurisdiction has hitherto been exercised, and that the remaining portion of the said boundary line, shall be run and marked, at such time hereafter, as may suit the convenience of both the Contracting parties, until which time such of the said parties shall exercise without the interference of the other within the territory of which the boundary shall not have been so marked and run, jurisdiction to the same extent to which it has been heretofore usually exercised. Article 3rd. The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington within the term of six months from the date hereof or sooner if possible

In witness whereof, we the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have hereunto affixed our respective seals

Done at Washington this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight, in the third year of the Independence of the Republic of Texas, and in the Sixty Second year of that of the United States of America

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(Signed) Memucan Hunt
John Forsyth

And Whereas the said Convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications were exchanged at Washington on the twelfth day of October One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight, by Anson Jones Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic Texas, and Aaron Vail Acting Secretary of State of the United States, on the part of their respective Governments.

Now therefore be it known, That I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, have caused the said Convention to be made public to the end that the same, and every Clause and article thereof, may be observed and fulfilled, with good faith by the Republic of Texas, and the Citizens thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of Texas to be affixed

[L. S.]

Done at the City of Houston this First day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the Third.
Sam Houston

(By the President)

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

Proclamation

Be it Known, that, I Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution, hereby order and direct, that on the 17th day of April next, there shall be an election held in the district, composed of the Counties of San Patricio, Refugio, and Goliad for a Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned, by the resignation of the Hon. E. Morehouse.

Proclamation
ordering an
Election of Sen-
ator in Congress
San Patricio
Refugio and
Goliad
17th ap. 1837

And it is hereby, further ordered, that the said Election be held in the County of Refugio, by the Hon John Dunn, in the county of San Patricio, by the Hon John Turner, and in the County of Goliad, by the Hon. Wm. H. McIntire, Chief Justices, of their respective Counties, for the election of a Senator, in Congress, as aforesaid. on the said 17th day of April, And they, the said Chief Justices, are hereby directed to, and Commanded to appoint the judges, and Clerks, for each precinct in their respective Counties, who shall be qualified by them respectively, or some other Justice of the peace, for their respective Counties &c &c

The returns from each precinct, is to be made by the judges thereof, to the Chief Justice of their respective Counties, within four days after the election.

Done at Columbia this 16 day of march 1837 and of the Independence of Texas the Second
(Signed) Sam: Houston

J. Pinckney Henderson
Secy of State

Proclamation

Proclamation
relative to
Brigs Pocket
& Durango for
Injuries &c
11th Ap 1838

By the President of the Republic of Texas.— Whereas a Convention between the Government of the Republic of Texas, And the Government of the United States of America, to terminate the reclamations of the latter Government for the Capture Seizure and detention of the Brigs Pocket, and Durango, And for injuries Suffered by American Citizens on board the Pocket, was concluded and Signed at Houston on the Eleventh day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight, which Convention is word for word As follows.

Convention between the Government of the Republic of Texas, And the Government of the United States of America to terminate the reclamations of the latter Government for the Capture, Seizure, and detention of the Brigs Pocket and Durango, and for injuries suffered by American Citizens on board the Pocket.

R. A. Irion Secretary of State of the Republic of

Texas, Acting on behalf of said Republic, and Alcee La Branche Charge d Affairs of the United States of America near the Republic of Texas, Acting on behalf of the said U. States have agreed to the following Articles.

Article 1st. "The Government of the Republic of Texas, with a view to Satisfy the aforesaid reclamations for the Capture, Seizure, and Confiscation of the two vessels, aforementioned, as well as for indemnity to American Citizens, who have Suffered injuries from the Said Government of Texas, or its officers, obliges itself to pay the Sum of Eleven thousand Seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Government of the United States of America, to be distributed amongst the claimants by the said Government, of the U. States of America.

Article 2nd. "The Sum of Eleven thousand Seven hundred and fifty dollars agreed on in the first article Shall be paid in Gold or Silver, with interest at Six per cent One year after the Exchange of the ratifications of this Convention. The said payment Shall be made at the Seat of Government of the Republic of Texas, into the hands of such person or persons as shall be duly authorized by the Government of the United States of America to receive the Same.

Article 3rd "The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications thereof, Shall be exchanged in the City of Washington, in the Space of three months from this date, or Sooner if possible.

In faith whereof the parties above named, have respectively Subscribed these Articles, and thereunto affixed their Seals.

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Done at the City of Houston on the Eleventh day of the month of April One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight.
R. A. Irion
Alcee La Branch

And whereas the said Convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications of the Same were Exchanged at Washington, on the sixth day of July one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight by Fairfax Catlett Charge de Affairs of the Republic of Texas, accredited to the Government of the U. States, and John Forsyth, Secretary of State, of the United States, on the part of their respective governments.

Now therefore be it Known that I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, have caused the said Convention to be made public to the End, that the same and every Clause, and article thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the Republic of Texas and the Citizens thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at the City of Houston this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight, and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the third.

Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

(Sd President)

Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas.

(To all whom it may concern)

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that John A. Menges has been appointed Consul of the United States of America for the port of Matagorda. I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as will be allowed to the Consuls of the most favored nations in the Republic of Texas.

Exequator to John A. Menges 6th Nov 1838

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the great seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

L. S.

Given under my hand at the City of Houston this Sixth day of November A.D. 1838 and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the Third.

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas. (To all whom it may concern)

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me, that Elisha A. Rhodes has been appointed Consul of the United States of America for the port of Galveston. I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise, and enjoy such functions, powers and privileges, as will be allowed to the Consuls of the most favoured nations in the Republic of Texas.

Exequator to Elisha A. Rhodes 6th Nov 1838

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the great seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

L. S.

Given under my hand at the City of Houston, this Sixth day of November A.D. 1838 and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the Third.

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

(By the President) Sam Houston

Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas.

(To all whom it may Concern)

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me, that Young J. Porter, has been appointed Consul of the United States of America for the Port of Brazoria. I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise, and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as will be allowed to the Consuls, of the most favoured nations, in the Republic of Texas.

Exequator to Young J. Porter Nov 6th 1838.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the great seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Houston, this sixth day of November A.D. 183
and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas the third.

R. A. Irion Secy of State

(By the President)

Sam Houston

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas

Whereas James Wright was bailed on a charge of Murder in this City in the month of December last to appear at the ensuing term of the District Court in March last past, and has failed to appear, and eludes the search of his Bail.

Proclamation for apprehension of Wright

And whereas, it is represented that the said Wright, is travelling at large through the Republic.

Now, therefore I. Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, do by these presents, in the name of said Republic, offer a reward of Two hundred dollars, for the apprehension, and delivery of the said Wright to any Judge, or Justice of the peace of the Republic, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

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Done at the City of Houston, under
my hand this Eleventh day of July A.D.
1838 and of the Independence of Texas
the Third.

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

James Wright is about five feet ten inches in height, ruddy complexion, large full face, thick set, and stoutly made, and about twenty seven years of age.

This is recorded on page 13 of this Book

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Exequatur to Stewart Newell 30th Nov 1837.

I, Sam Houston President of the Republic of Texas, having examined the Commission of Stewart Newell, as Consul of the U. States of America, for the Port of Velasco, in this Republic, do hereby recognize the said Stewart Newell as such, and enjoin all officers, Civil and Military in the Ports, and places of his Consulate, to afford him in the execution of his duties, all proper aid, and assistance, in order that he may enjoy without hindrance or molestation all the preeminences, authority, and privileges, in any wise appertaining, to the office of Consul:

Given at the City of Houston Under
my hand and Seal of Office this the 30th
day of November A.D. 1837 and of the
Independence of Texas the Second.

(By the President) Sam Houston

R. A. Irion
Secy. of State

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas.

Proclamation for election of a Represent. Fay. the county Decr 1838

Whereas, the seat of Representative, in the Congress of this Republic, for the County of Fayette, having been vacated, by the resignation of the Honorable Andrew Rabb therefore, I, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do hereby order and direct, the Chief Justice of said County, to cause an election to be held forthwith, for the election of a Representative to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the Republic of Texas, to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Houston this third day of November. A.D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and of the Independence of Texas the third

Nathl. Amory. (Signed) Sam Houston
Acting Secy of State